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SUBJECT: RUPEE NEGOTIATIONS: AID TO NEPAL

FOR CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR

1. WOULD YOU PLEASE GET ME A QUICK READING FROM M.G. KAUL
ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. AID TO NEPAL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INDIAN ASSENT
TO OUR USING THE DOLS 24 MILLION IN RUPEES FOR NEPAL OVER
THREE YEARS OR UNTIL EXHAUSTED. FYI, WE MAY WISH PHASE IN
DOLLARS AND DRAW DOWN RUPEES OVER PERIOD OF UP TO FIVE OR
SIX YEARS. IN ANY CASE, RECENT ANNUAL AID EXPENDITURE
LEVELS IN NEPAL HAVE NOT EXCEEDED DOLS 6 MILLION
ANNUALLY. END FYI. IN LIGHT LONG PERIOD SUGGESTED FOR
INDIAN PAYMENT OUR HARD CURRENCY CONVERSIONS, BELIEVE
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THIS SHOULD OFFER NO RPT NO PROBLEM.

B. THIRD-COUNTRY PARTICIPANT TRAINING. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THERE NO RPT NO INDIAN OBJECTION TO OUR USE OF OUR RETAINED RUPEES TO FINANCE THIRD-COUNTRY TRAINING IN INDIA.

2. BOTH ABOVE POINTS OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO CONGRESS AS WELL AS AID.

3. FYI, WE EXPLORING WAYS OVERCOME PROBLEM OF USE OF PL-480 RUPEES FOR THESE PROGRAMS. END FYI. RUSH

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